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SUBJECT: SECSTATE REES PROSCRIBES ULSTER VOLUNTEER FORCE

REF: BELFAST 311

1. ULSTER VOLUNTEER FORCE (UVF) LATE OCTOBER 3 ADMITTED PERPETRATING MUCH OF VIOLENCE OCTOBER 2 AND 3 (REFTEL). SECRETARY OF STATE REES SIGNED ORDER SAME NIGHT OUTLAWING UVF. ORGANIZATION NOW JOINS TWO LOYALIST ORGANIZATIONS RED HAND COMMANDOS AND ULSTER FREEDOM FIGHTERS WITH OFFICIAL AND PROVISIONAL IRA AS PROSCRIBED ORGANIZATIONS. THERE HAVE BEEN FEW SUCCESSFUL PROSECUTIONS IN NORTHERN IRELAND FOR MEMBERSHIP PROSCRIBED ORGANIZATIONS AND SECURITY FORCES REPORTEDLY DUBIOUS ABOUT EFFICACY PROSCRIPTION.

2. NORTHERN IRELAND OFFICE AND UVF IN WAR OF WORDS THROUGH PRESS RELEASES AND STATEMENTS. UVF REPRESENTATIVES APPARENTLY MET WITH "HIGH RANKING CIVIL SERVANT" AFTERNOON OCTOBER 3. IT UNCLEAR WHAT ACTUALLY TRANSPIRED. UVF CLAIMS IT OFFERED SURRENDER ARMS IF GOVERNMENT WOULD ACCEPT ORGANIZATION AS ADJUNCT TO SECURITY FORCES AND IF GOVERNMENT WOULD RESUME CAMPAIGN AGAINST PROVISIONAL IRA, CLOSE PROVISIONAL SINN
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FEIN INCIDENT CENTERS AND RESUME ARREST WANTED INDIVIDUALS

SUCH AS SEAMUS TWOMEY. UVF ALSO CLAIMED THAT GOVERNMENT REPRESENTATIVE HAD CALLED ON UVF TO SUPPORT VOLUNTARY COALITION POLICY OF WILLIAM CRAIG OR THREATENED THAT ORGANIZATION WOULD BE BANNED. UVF ALSO CLAIMED THAT THEY RECEIVED TELEPHONE CALL FROM GOVERNMENT SOURCE 5 HOURS BEFORE ANNOUNCEMENT OF PROSCRIPTION STATING ORGANIZATION WOULD BE BANNED. GOVERNMENT SPOKESMAN WHILE REFUSING COMMENT ON SUBSTANCE MEETING, DENIED THAT ANY REFERENCE MADE TO MR. CRAIG OR HIS VIEWS AND DENIED THAT ANY ADVANCE WARNING OF PROSCRIPTION HAD BEEN GIVEN. AS OF THIS MORNING MORE THAN 20 MEMBERS UVF IN CUSTODY FOR QUESTIONING. TIME IS RUNNING OUT ON GOVERNMENT ABILITY HOLD THEM WITHOUT CHARGES OR RESORTING TO FURTHER MEASURES SUCH AS USE INTERIM CUSTODY ORDERS.

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